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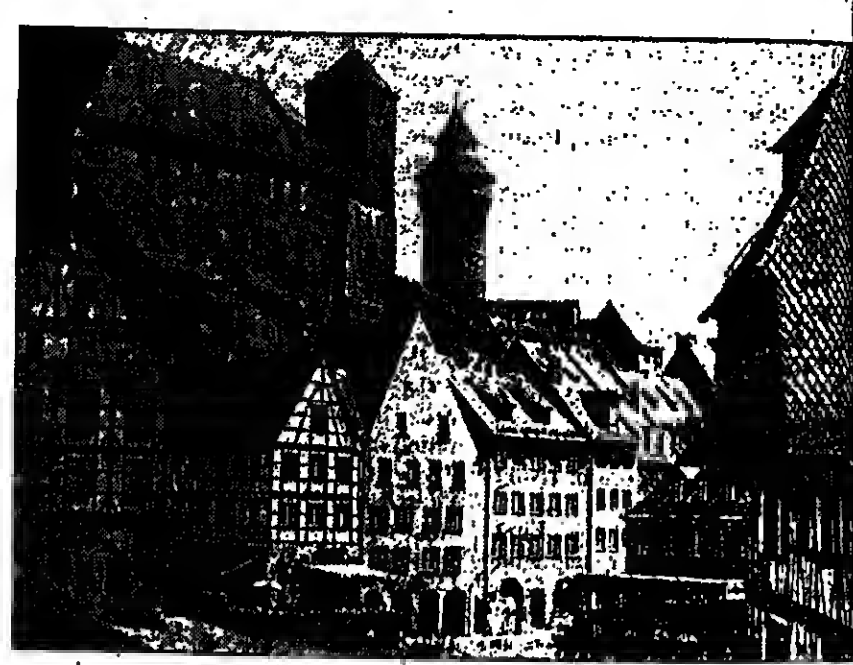
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A year of decision at missile talks

At least in the strategic sector 1983 will be a difficult year for East-West relations, the year in which we will see whether the West is serious about disarmament or missile modernisation.

Will NATO go ahead with its resolution either to negotiate a ban on intermediate nuclear forces in Europe or, failing agreement with the Soviet Union, to station Pershing 2 and Cruise missiles in Western Europe?

The initial situation seems fairly straightforward but it isn't, if only because both sides have dug in on positions that leave them with very little leeway for concessions and are, moreover, contradictory in many cases.

Thus Washington and Moscow have agreed little more than wage tactical warfare at the Geneva talks for the past six months or so.

The outlook for a decisive improvement in the new year is, sad to say, far from good.

At first glance the zero option proposed by President Reagan on being asked to do so by his European allies seemed most attractive.

Both sides were to dispense with medium-range missiles: the Soviet Union would scrap its 245 SS-20s aimed

the West has nothing to offer that can, as matters stand, in any way compare with the Soviet missile potential.

It was politically understandable perhaps, but strategically dubious, to look on the proposed 572 Western missiles as a numerical offset to the SS-20s.

They ought also to have been seen as a counterweight to Soviet superiority in conventional armament.

As a result, the impression gained by Western public opinion was that the zero option was the answer to the problem of European security.

It must also be borne in mind that as a result of technical hitches it could take longer to install the Pershing 2s and that doubts as to their strategic advantage have arisen in Washington.

So it will be seen that the West is strictly limited in the leeway for negotiations it has at its disposal in Geneva.

There are problems on the Soviet side too. Mr Andropov may have proved an astute and adroit politician but no-one can yet say how firmly he is in control of Soviet policy.

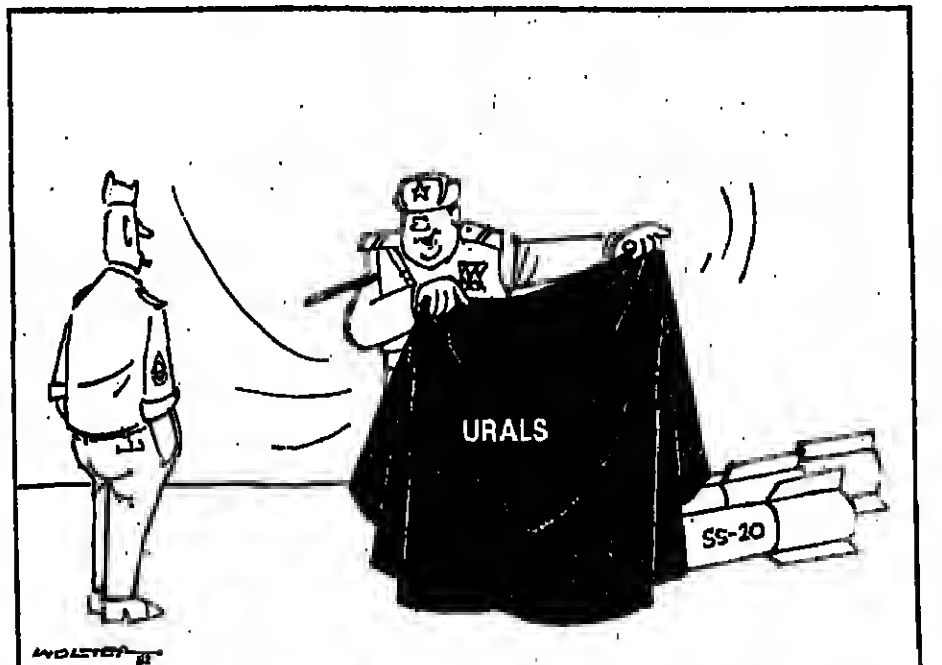
His latest offer of reducing the number of SS-20 systems installed in Europe to the 162 nuclear missiles maintained by Britain and France is a step climb-down from the previous Soviet position.

It would not be wrong to infer that the Soviet Union is genuinely interested in preventing the stationing of Pershing 2s in Europe.

From the Soviet point of view NATO's missile modernisation plans are merely part of the current US bid to regain nuclear superiority.

NATO is to be linked even more strongly with the United States, while the Pershing 2s are to be deployed.

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'Now you see 'em, now you don't!'
(Cartoon: Wolter/Deutsches Allgemeines Sonntagsblatt)

President Carstens calls a March general election

Bonn President Karl Carstens made it clear in his TV address that a decision to dissolve the Bundestag and hold fresh elections was by no means the matter of course some Christian Democrats had said it was.

In defence of his rights as head of state he said he had arrived at his decision after due consideration of political and constitutional aspects.

He would not have ruled in favour of a March general election, he said, if a political minority's rights had thereby been violated.

So we must accept his decision as a personal one and not as the mere implementation of a coalition agreement or honouring of a pledge given by others.

Credibility was the crucial factor in the context of the vote of no-confidence in Chancellor Kohl that triggered the entire constitutional procedure.

With three weeks in which to arrive at a decision President Carstens had taken his time and asked all concerned whether they still wanted fresh elections.

He accepted what they said at face value, any other approach would have been arbitrary. He accepted what the parties said just as he accepted the vote of no-confidence as a political fact.

He said a constitutional amendment to allow the Bundestag to dissolve itself would be preferable to the current options.

It had been ruled out this time but there was no reason why it should not be taken up at a later date.

The men who drafted Basic Law, the 1949 Bonn constitution, made mid-term elections difficult because they were afraid they might lead to political instability. This fear had been proved unfounded.

A constitutional amendment would rule out any accusations or parliamentary manipulation, accusations that had been made this time, although he was convinced he had disproved them.

What would have happened if he had refused to dissolve the Bundestag? A government would have been obliged to stay in power after having officially forfeited the Bundestag's confidence.

The government would have either been unable to govern or have had to go back on its word, which would have made it incredible.

Fresh elections were the only way to ensure stability and confidence, although it was not up to the head of state to relieve political parties of the risks they ran.

(Der Tagesspiegel, 8 January 1983)

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Mr Andropov says Warsaw Pact wants to negotiate

A recurring feature of Soviet assessments of the international situation is the accusation that America is to blame for a dangerous escalation of the risk of war.

Whether this assessment is right or wrong is of less importance than the fact that the Soviet leaders are convinced only US policy is a threat to peace.

This means that the Kremlin refuses to see the true extent of its own contribution toward an escalation that has indeed assumed alarming proportions.

The new Soviet leader, Yuri Andropov, has chosen to keep to this line taken by his predecessor, Mr Brezhnev, but is dialectically more footsure than the latter.

Mr Andropov has taken care not to exaggerate US military power to such an extent that a Soviet audience is bound to feel worried stiff.

He demonstrated this ability in masterly fashion in his speech to mark the 60th anniversary of the Soviet Union.

It was a speech in which he combined flexibility and intransigence and impressively advocated the historical legitimacy of the Soviet claim to world power status.

Some of what he had to say in Moscow on 21 December is repeated in the political declaration issued at the Warsaw Pact summit in Prague.

Other parts of his speech seem to be regarded as part of the Soviet prerogative, so no-one needs to endorse them in any case.

But the Prague declaration also includes new or newly-formulated features, such as the admission that acute global problems have arisen.

These problems, which are socio-economic in nature, are:

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■ WORLD AFFAIRS

Time for Nato countries to stop fence-sitting

Missile modernisation has led to a pride of place in the security debate for three years, and rightly so, since in the final analysis what is at stake is America's continued nuclear guarantee of Europe's security.

But this issue has all but made people forget another problem that is no less important. It is the destabilisation of South-West Asia and the oil region.

Ever since the Red Army invaded Afghanistan, making the problem acute, the part played by European Nato countries has been largely determined by fear of the consequences and by the resulting refusal to cooperate.

This refusal largely accounted for how the issue was discussed in public, whether European warships might, if needed be, be deployed outside Nato's immediate sphere of interest or European armed forces might take over roles usually played by US forces needed elsewhere.

The problem was seen not only to overtax the political realism of the general public. Governments likewise refused to live up to what the United States expected of its allies.

They refused to make a joint review of changes in the international situation and failed to do justice to a new concept jointly drawn up with the United States.

The repercussions are known facts. The Americans acted without their partners, moving militarily by setting up the rapid deployment force.

They realigned their command sectors in such a way as to ensure that the entire region, from Egypt and the Horn of Africa in the west to Afghanistan in the east, was under a newly-established supreme command.

Was this an adequate response in political terms? Was it in keeping with European interests? Maybe, maybe not.

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economic, demographic and ecological in nature, can only be solved by cooperation on the part of the entire international community.

The appeal to the Nato states to end the current dangerous phase in international relations and revert to cooperation and, basically, détente is more clearly expressed than in previous verbal bids to salvage détente.

Proposals to curb the arms race have assumed inflationary proportions. In part they merely reiterate past attempts to set up peace zones or nuclear-free zones in one area or another.

The superficial nature of such bids ought not to stop one from considering whether the overall tenor of the Prague declaration indicates that the East bloc is ready to talk and to reach understanding.

The opposite could equally well be the case, but even a sceptical appraisal admits the cautious conclusion that the Soviet Union and its allies are interested in curbing confrontation with the Nato states.

This seems to be the case even though Moscow and its allies show little or no sign of willingness to consider greater flexibility on issues such as the invasion of Afghanistan and repression

America's European allies are certainly in no position to criticise it. They refused to have anything to do with framing a convincing response.

They have since been bound to admit that they cannot escape the repercussions of the problems they have chosen to ignore, as the communiqué of last December's Nato summit showed.

In it, the Nato states acknowledged that developments outside the pact's geographical confines might affect vital interests of member-states.

They agreed to bear fully in mind the repercussions of such developments on the security and defence capability of the alliance.

Mention was made of the provision of facilities to support the deployment needed in these areas to heighten the deterrent effect.

This was seen as a significant contribution toward safeguarding the alliance and strongly recommended to member-countries.

Reference was also made to the need for stepping up coordinated planning, while Nato Ministers noted that the pact was to review the consequences for the alliance of US plans to set up a rapid deployment force.

Washington's right to arrive at national decisions of its own was reaffirmed, although consultations with its allies were recommended.

These cautious turns of phrase testify to a sobering reality. The review referred to is a catalogue of demands made of America's allies in connection with requirements arising from deployment of the rapid deployment force.

They include landing and overflight rights, the provision of fuel and of 92,000 men in logistical support, not to mention taking over maritime tasks to ease the burden on the US Navy.

This is an issue that could well be

dealt with at the next Nato summit, with predictable public reactions: protest, criticism and refusal.

Yet the extra burdens are of minor importance when compared with the political changes it all entails.

It is the first time demands have been made of member-states and contributions expected without the countries that make them being allowed the right to reach the political decision on whether or not facilities are used.

This affects Nato's character as an alliance of equal partners with the sole purpose of protecting its members from external attack.

Unanimous agreement must be reached in the Nato Council on a situation having arisen in which the alliance is required to honour its defence commitments.

The decision thus rests solely with each individual government, since all must be agreed on the need to come to a member's assistance.

The new arrangement envisaged would relativise this sovereign right.

It provides for support for America in looking after common interests outside Nato territory, but other Nato members are not entitled to share in decisions that could plunge them into alliance commitments.

This is all the more important as the Americans feel there is a more serious risk of a clash with the Russians in the Middle East than in Nato territory.

This cannot leave European governments in particular unmoved, although they are less entitled to level accusations at Washington in connection with the development.

They have only themselves to blame. The alarming state of affairs is a result of their refusal to play a part in drawing up a more satisfactory response to destabilisation in the region, brought about by the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan and the Islamic revolution in Iran.

It is almost impossible to make good this failure after the event, but an attempt must nonetheless be undertaken.

Karl Feldmeyer
(Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung
für Deutschland, 4 January 1983)

indicate that more is envisaged than in similar undertakings and earlier agreements, such as the UN Charter and the 1970 Moscow Treaty.

The treaty now proposed is intended as an instrument of arms control and limitation, and maybe even as a means of graduating the alliance commitments of individual pact member-countries, which could be of importance in the event of a clash in Germany.

As in the case of Mr Andropov's December 1982 medium-range missile limitation proposal, the Prague declaration will not allow dual to settle over the debate on whether or not means of ending the arms race might be found.

The debate will intensify as the deadline for a decision on missile modernisation by the West comes closer. It is sure to play a crucial role in the German general election campaign.

Popular fear of catastrophe can no longer be dispelled by mere bromides. The East bloc's proposals may well have been made with this in mind.

But that is no reason for not giving them a thorough check. The Warsaw Pact is keen to negotiate, and this time its offer does not include an element of threat.

Josef Riedmiller
(Süddeutsche Zeitung, 7 January 1983)

Hans-Jochen Vogel in Washington

There is almost a time-honoured tradition of German politicians' speculations in Washington.

To this extent Hans-Jochen Vogel, Social Democratic candidate for chancellor in the current German campaign, is following in others' steps.

It is not even a bad idea, given advantage to be gained from the Federal Republic of Germany's ally with a clearer idea of the mood in the next Bonn Chancellor.

At the same time the candidate finds out for himself how the Americans feel about crucial issues.

Herr Vogel's position is much the same as Chancellor Kohl's was when he was Opposition leader in Bonn. He has much experience in foreign policy.

Chancellor Kohl used to struggle in Washington how keenly committed was to close partnership with the United States. Herr Vogel clearly feels it is a matter of course that doesn't constantly repeating.

He is not disposed to embrace Americans as it were, but he is not aloof. He also has questions to ask, critical, challenging queries but he enquires.

Before relaying the answers to his inquiries, he waits to see what further comments are forthcoming. He might add to his picture of the situation.

On the one hand he is busy with the ropes. On the other he has a local instinct and the caution of a lawyer that make him stop before fencing himself in by committing himself prematurely. He is keen to keep options open.

Washington was impressed, been curious and a little mistrustful. Though less of Herr Vogel himself, with the current in his Social Democratic Party.

Hans-Jochen Vogel created the impression of being a serious man, who chooses his words yet is not too dubious.

So the US media, which tend to concentrate on home affairs, soon realised he was happy to interview the new Chancellor.

Whoever wins at the polls in March, Herr Vogel has earned respect and access to US leaders, which could be of benefit to him, to his party and to the Federal Republic of Germany.

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■ GENERAL ELECTION

Voters must decide in a year of major issues

Strauss and his CSU, on the other hand, went along with the SPD, calling for immediate elections.

In an article for the *Rheinischer Merkur/Christ und Welt* of 3 December, Freiburg political scientist Wilhelm Hennis likened the procedure for the dissolution of the Bundestag to a coup d'état.

Bonn constitutional lawyer Klaus Seibald had this to say in a daily newspaper: "We want to go to the polls, say all Bundestag parties, along with the Chancellor. The sentence is worth pondering."

"The parties, Cabinet members and the Chancellor would have to believe that they want to hold elections. But what they really want is to be elected."

"In fact, their saying 'We want to go to the polls' does not take the voter into account."

Josef Isensee, professor of administrative law in Bonn, even goes so far as to claim that Helmut Kohl permitted himself to be duped by his predecessor, Helmut Schmidt. This may or may not be so.

All that can be proved is that Helmut Kohl was guided by the political maxim that "Where there's a political will there's a political way, and a legal one at that."

Kohl did not hesitate to take that way, and no political party, not even the opposition SPD, made any move to dissuade him.

In fact, the SPD has become a captive of its own slogan "We want new elections - now!"

There are those who will interpret the FDP's move as a sign of weakness, but the FDP has not yet decided whether to go ahead with the March 1983 election or to postpone it until after the next federal election.

They date back to 1962 when it was the FDP that toppled Strauss, who was a Bonn Minister at the time.

In what can only be called an unusual move for a coalition partner, he ousted Strauss of contempt of parliament and democratic institutions.

He also demanded that the FDP take over the Interior Ministry again only to have Dahrendorf tell the congress later that this would be wrong.

On such issues as protection against data abuse, alien policy, judicial matters and disarmament, the FDP is still far to the left of the conservatives. It now hopes that this will prompt the voters to opt for the party's survival.

Ralf Dahrendorf evidently wanted to prove in his address that he is an "original thinker."

He startled the delegates by saying that the decisive date for the party is not the next election but the one after that. Going over party leader Hans-Dietrich Genscher's head, Dahrendorf seems to be looking to a distant future when the Free Democrats will have unbundled themselves of the odium of betrayal and a 13-year Social and Free Democratic coalition.

But this is not exactly a sure-fire recipe with which to win the March elections.

Dahrendorf's recommendation that the party assume an opposition role for the moment sounded as if he regarded the votes to be cast for his party in March as fit only for the wastepaper basket.

Morlok, who backed his party's shift in Bonn, glancingly pointed to the

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■ BERLIN

Alternative Liste slowly comes to terms with party politics in city council

Hannoversche Allgemeine

As the tug-of-war among would-be candidates over nominations for the Bundestag elections on 6 March gathers momentum in the constituencies, Berlin's *Alternative Liste* (a group of leftist, anti-nuke environmentalists) is having a hard time finding a candidate for a safe seat in Bonn.

Due to Four-Power reservations, Berlin's Bundestag members are not voted in by direct elections but by the Berlin city council.

The number of seats each party gets in the Bundestag depends on the party strength in the city council.

The reason for the dilly-dallying of Berlin's *Alternative Liste* (AL) is the uncertainty as to whether the national Green/AL movement will manage to capture the minimum five per cent of the popular vote needed for representation in the Bundestag.

But there are also other points on which Berlin's AL differs from established parties. Its nine legislators in Bonn keep only a net DM1,800 of their DM5,000 gross monthly pay. The rest goes into the movement's coffers.

There was some confusion not too long ago when the AL used DM110,000 due to its council group towards election expenses to send parcels to Poland. The AL argued at the time that it did not need this government grant and wanted to use it to some good purpose.

This is how the AL came to learn that it is anything but easy to escape state largesse. The speaker of the council demanded that the money be repaid to the state because it had been improperly used.

The speaker's demand was later backed by a court ruling to the effect that state money may not be used for anything but the intended purpose even if the beneficiary does not need the money for that purpose.

This is only one of the many lessons the AL has had to learn since May 1981 when it cornered 7.2 per cent of the vote and moved into the Berlin council as its third-strongest party.

After a few unorthodox "happenings" in the initial stages, mostly to satisfy the movement's (mostly young) followers, the AL buckled down to some serious legislative work.

Thanks to good sources of information in the city administration and support by various citizens' action groups, the AL put forward more motions than any other group despite its numerical weakness.

As it settled down, the AL departed from its original intention of putting up what it called fundamental opposition and even voted along with the CDU on one issue: to prevent a doubling of the dog licence.

Generally, however, the AL has felt more akin to the Social Democrats and has voted accordingly.

Together with the SPD, it opposed the raising of fees for creches and the loosening up on rent control.

Social Democrats and the AL have also joined forces in favour of a peaceful solution of the squatters issue.

On two occasions, the AL put forward no-confidence motions against Heinrich Lummer (CDU), the city's senator of the interior and a hard-liner on the squatters issue.

Violence in connection with demonstrations is misery where the Social Democrats and the AL don't see eye-to-eye.

Although most of the 90,000 Berliners who voted for the AL in 1981 reject violence, the movement has a hard time arriving at a definite position on the issue.

Pro-violence activists have repeatedly succeeded in torpedoing a clear anti-violence stand.

After the riots in connection with President Reagan's visit to Berlin last June an AL work group initially agreed to stress the necessity of non-violence when calling for demonstrations to "prevent escalation into full-scale rioting."

But this was watered down only a few weeks ago when the AL said that resistance against state violence was justified.

Commented Berlin's left-wing daily *Tageszeitung*: "The AL doesn't hurt stones, it delegates that to others."

One of the movement's typical characteristics is the close ties its legislators maintain with the grass roots. AL members of the council are supposed to be replaced by others half-way through the legislative period to give as many members as possible a chance. Moreover, the AL uses extra-parliamentary means to influence parliamentary decisions.

Although the move is controversial within the Alternative grouping, all nine of its legislators are to vacate their seats by summer to make room for others.

Says AL Floor Leader Peter Sellin with some *Schadenfreude*: "This would put people like Dieter Kunzelmann in the council, a militant who could put the cat among the pigeons."

Theoretically, AL members of the council should only vote after a grass roots decision on any given issue. But this has proved impractical due to pressure of work, and the AL legislators have had to make their decisions within their caucus, only to be accused of having become alienated from the rank and file.

In the finance committee even the

most dyed-in-the-wool Alternatives have come to realise that you have to cut your coat according to your cloth and that many a citizen's wish therefore has to remain unfulfilled.

But this sort of pragmatism is still underdeveloped of grass roots level.

AL members of the council have always tried to escape their dilemma on expenditure by calling for more state borrowing and heavier taxation for business and high earners.

But all attempts to find a middle-of-the-road approach between fiscal requirements and the often naive rank-and-file demands have done little to alleviate the mistrust of the grass roots in their chosen legislators.

These conflicts were brought into the

West Berlin prepares to name its Bonn Bundestag MPs

Morgen

Former Berlin Mayor Dietrich Stohbe, 42, who resigned over a property scandal in early 1981 and has since been heading the New York office of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation, is due back in Berlin any day now.

He would like to be nominated one of the nine Bundestag delegates the SPD will send to Bonn after the 6 March national election.

Comments Stohbe: "I'm too young to go back into a mini-office."

His prospects of getting the nomination are slim, however, because he does not represent the Social Democrats in their new Opposition role in Berlin.

Berlin will send 22 MPs to the Bundestag. The number of seats allocated to the various Berlin parties depends on their last election results in the city.

In this case, 11 Bundestag seats go to the CDU, nine to the SPD and one each to the FDP and the *Alternative Liste* (AL). The Berlin Bundestag members are not elected by popular vote but are nominated by the parties and then elected by the city council.

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MEDIA

International Telecommunications Year must improve facilities, not controls

The UN Year of the Disabled has been rung out and International Telecommunications Year rung in. The new year was proclaimed largely at Africa's request.

In 1978 Africa embarked on a Decade of Transport and Communications during which the infrastructure of both was to be improved.

At present telephone communications between many neighbouring African countries are possible only via London or Paris.

The same is true of a number of Latin American states that can only telephone each other via New York.

Remote areas of developing countries in many cases not be reached at all using modern telecommunications, the lack of which is largely to blame for rural depopulation and the creation of gigantic areas of urban sprawl.

International Telecommunications Year is to deal solely with the technical side of telecom, which is why the International Telecommunications Union, a UN special organisation, is to coordinate the work.

Member-countries have been called to set up national committees to think about and offer advice on programmes to improve telecommunications.

All programmes are to be selected, as far as possible, with regard to their feasibility for developing countries.

The national committees are also to hold seminars and symposiums and to disseminate general information.

But in an ITU fund-raising campaign tag out have been in short supply. But in an ITU fund-raising campaign tag out have been in short supply.

Most Western European countries have limited themselves to pledging funds and services, such as advisory facilities. It is as though they were afraid they would get into the wrong hands.

In the Federal Republic of Germany the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications has set up the steering

committee for International Telecommunications Year.

The Foreign Office has called on Bonn's diplomatic and consular missions abroad to step up their foreign trade promotion in the communications technology sector.

The telecommunications industry has launched several pilot projects in connection with International Telecommunications Year.

One is a solar-powered radio omni-range call system designed for use in remote areas where there is no mains electricity supply. Pilot projects are also envisaged for small solar-powered directional radio facilities.

The industry will also be holding seminars in developing countries on progress in teleprinter technology and data transmission so as to give them access to the international flow of data.

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Everyone who is seriously interested in the project is keen to ensure that activities are strictly limited to improvements in technological aspects of telecommunications.

Any attempt at ideological distortion of the telecommunications year would jeopardise any benefit the developing countries in particular stood to gain.

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Hannoversche Allgemeine

committee for International Telecommunications Year.

It consists of representatives of several Ministries, especially the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Economic Cooperation, and of the telecommunications industry.

The steering committee has met three times so far.

The Economic Cooperation Ministry is to hold a seminar on Telecom Networks in Rural Areas and to take part in a survey on the extension of the African telecom network.

The Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications has set up several teams of experts who are ready at short notice to be sent off on missions to developing countries.

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This is a plan by the communist countries and authoritarian and totalitarian regimes in the Third World to regulate and restrict the free flow of information and opinion.

It is a free flow of which they disapprove, and the communist-run International Organisation of Journalists had this to say in its magazine *The Democratic Journalist*, which is published in Prague:

"Communications issues must not be regarded merely as matters of the existence of technical means. In the course of the Year it must be pointed out that the social consequences of communications are determined by their content."

"The imperialist countries and the international monopolies want to use the Year for their ends: to bring other parts of the world under their control."

"That is why progressive forces in the entire world must see Telecommunications Year as an opportunity of making a breakthrough for the New International Information Order."

This shows that disputes may well arise in connection with International Telecommunications Year, and those who are seriously interested in progress in communications, especially in the developing countries, must be prepared.

But in these countries themselves an increasingly large number of people seem to realise that technical improvements in their telecommunications infrastructure are the right way to set about a slow but steady improvement in the serious shortcomings of their telecom facilities.

Ernst-Otto Maetke

(Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung für Deutschland, 29 December 1982)

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If they do so, then only with strict limitations. The concept of journalistic freedom is usually linked to the call for journalistic responsibility.

This fine formula usually means that any criticism of governments or the ruling political party runs counter to the interests of society and state and is thus irresponsible.

Bids to set up transnational news agencies for the Third World have promptly been ensnared in the dissemination of government communiques.

For all these reasons the Western industrialised countries, who are virtually on their own in having experience of a free Press, are opposed to the comprehensive demands tabled at Unesco conferences.

They take a dim view of calls for an International Information Order but are regularly outvoted and find themselves in a position where all they can do is refuse to play ball.

Yet they are well aware of the imbalance in coverage of the Third World and are trying to set matters right by development and training.

The Federal Republic of Germany has invested DM300m in what are usually bilateral programmes over the past 20 years. At the last Unesco conference in Paris a mere \$1.9m was approved toward news agencies in the Third World.

This sum did not include a German cash contribution. In the majority of Western industrialised countries the free and better-balanced flow of news and opinion is felt to be well worth encouraging.

But they have no intention of pandering to government interests via the fine-sounding programme of an International Information Order.

Reinhart Häcker

(Süddeutsche Zeitung, 23 December 1982)

■ EUROPE

Bonn reassures EEC on European priorities

Bonn Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher has intensified efforts to dispel fears among other EEC countries that Germany is losing interest in European integration.

He has ensured fellow-members of the European Community that Bonn continues to regard economic and political integration as a key priority target.

After talks with senior officials of the European Commission in Brussels he said Germany would do all it could as chairman of the Council of Ministers in the first half of 1983 to make headway on integration.

Yet other EEC countries have their doubts, fuelled mainly by the 6 March German general election.

With a general election in the middle of Bonn's chairmanship at the EEC some Bonn government representatives might, it is feared, spend more time campaigning at home than concentrating on Common Market issues.

The possibility cannot be ruled out, especially as the men at the helm of several crucial Ministries in Bonn are Free Democrats for whom the general election means either political survival or oblivion.

These key Ministries from the EEC point of view are Foreign Affairs (Herr Genscher), Agriculture (Josef Ertl) and Economic Affairs (Otto Lambdors).

If the Free Democrats were to be wiped out in Bonn at the polls on 6 March there would definitely be repercussions for the European Community.

The EEC, 26 this year, is in a critical state. When Belgium took over the chair at the beginning of 1982, to be followed in July by Denmark, unemployment in the EEC countries had just topped 10 million.

This year the number out of work is 11.7 million, which means that one member of the Common Market's work force in 10 is unemployed.

Understandably, Bonn says fighting unemployment, especially unemployment among the young (who make up between 30 and 50 per cent of the jobless, depending on the country), must be given priority during its term in the EEC chair.

But prospects of a reduction in the number out of work are anything but rosy.

There have been numerous declarations of intent lately, both by the Council of Ministers and at the three EEC summits, the last of which was held at the beginning of December in Copenhagen.

But fine words have failed so far to have any effect, and actions have yet to follow.

Economic forecasts for the EEC 10 in 1983 have been marked, if anything, by scepticism and pessimism. There are no signs yet of substantial economic growth.

The only reasonable prospects are in respect of inflation, which in 1982 averaged a little over 11 per cent in the Common Market countries.

This year, after a year in which inflation ranged from 3.3 per cent in Germany to 21 per cent in Greece, the EEC Commission hopes inflation may be reduced to an average of nine per cent.

The different economic situations and outlooks in the various EEC coun-

tries are sure to create any number of difficulties in 1983, as in the past.

Fresh unrest seems in the offing in the European Monetary System (EMS), for instance, with the French franc looking a likely candidate for further devaluation.

Yet last year's exchange rate realignments within the EMS were seen by monetary experts as a sign of the system's viability and as proof that it was capable of functioning.

Realignments took place in February and June 1982, with the Belgian and Luxembourg francs and the Danish krone, then the French and the Italian lira being devalued and the German mark and the Dutch guilder being revalued.

The opening months of the new year will feature a rerun of the annual farm price review. It remains to be seen whether Bonn will succeed in persuading the 10 to reach agreement on farm price guarantees by the 1 April deadline.

April is the beginning of the new agricultural year and the EEC Commission has submitted farm price review proposals envisaging increases averaging a mere 4.4 per cent.

As last year, there is a risk of the decision being anaried up by linkage with Britain's demand for special terms to ease the burden on British taxpayers as net paymasters of the Common Market.

Last year this linkage led to a sensational development in May, when the farm price review was agreed by a majority decision, and not unanimously as in the past.

But hopes that the Luxembourg compromise would be scrapped once and for all were premature.

After General de Gaulle had boycotted the EEC it was agreed at Luxembourg in 1965/66 that decisions would be reached unanimously even though the Treaty of Rome provided for majority decisions in most cases.

Insistence on unanimity has since been fraught with problems, but a return to majority decisions has proved difficult. Bonn hopes to make headway in the past.

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the development has been uneven. Thus, for instance, the step towards a 40-hour week was taken relatively quickly in the 1950s.

Now the impetus seems to be flagging and the move towards shorter working times through collective bargaining has come to a standstill.

This is partly due to a range of taboos and partly to economic reasons.

In the past cutbacks in working times essentially amounted to dividing the progress in productivity between higher wages and more leisure.

What matters today is to divide working times in a manner that will provide relief on the labour market, and this change has its consequences.

If increased productivity with zero growth is wholly or partially used to shorten working times instead of raising wages in real terms, the effect on the labour market will be nil. All this might achieve is to stop unemployment from growing still further.

If shorter working times under these

on this front by means of the Genscher-Colombo Plan.

Here too it remains to be seen whether the German-Italian plan for European Union will progress in the new year. Enthusiasm among EEC countries is subdued.

But the European Parliament is keen on progress, especially progress toward greater powers of its own in the EEC.

Problems in the EEC's domestic market are sure to enjoy priority during Bonn's term in the chair too.

They will include the clash with France over protectionism, not to mention relations with the United States, Japan, the East bloc and Latin America.

Months of serious dispute with Washington over the Siberian gas pipeline contract and EEC steel exports to America may have been settled by compromise arrangements in October and November 1982.

But transatlantic ties remain scarred. The EEC and the US now want to solve the disputes over the European Community's Common Agricultural Policy by the end of March.

This is a tall order given Washington's complaints about the billions the EEC ploughs into export subsidies for farm produce.

It is as tough a problem as resolving the EEC's dispute with Japan, and since the renewal of Common Market economic sanctions against Moscow relations with the East bloc have been strained too.

The European Community, in common with the Americans and the other Western industrialised countries, tends to draw up in time for the next Western economic summit in May the details of a new economic and trading concept toward the East bloc, especially the Soviet Union.

The repercussions of economic sanctions imposed on Argentina last April in response to British pressure as a joint EEC response to the Falklands crisis still impose a burden on Common Market efforts to establish a fresh relationship of trust with Latin America.

Bonn's Development Aid Minister Jürgen Warnke has already made it clear that development policy as a whole is subject to financial restrictions.

So on this front too the European Community cannot be expected to make much headway.

Hans-Peter Ott

(Der Tagespiegel, 1 January 1983)

conditions are to provide relief on the labour market they must go hand in hand with a pay reduction. Work and pay must be divided between those who now hold jobs and those who are entering the work process.

The cutbacks in pay need not be dramatic — especially if positive growth rates assa the conflict.

Moreover, these cutbacks would be introduced at a comfortable level of affluence with public sector and private needs largely already satisfied.

It is important to bear this in mind for the sake of clarity on the issue of shorter working times and adjusted pay.

Unemployment and the environmental crisis are priority issues. Zero growth cannot be a suitable programme; and growth at any price is no alternative.

We are gradually coming to realise what a high price we might have to pay for our natural environment and living conditions in it.

Qualitative growth and shorter working times could reconcile economy and ecology.

Werner Mölsner

(Die Zeit, 7 January 1983)

Self-effacing masters of negotiation

Japanese politicians are past masters of the art of diplomacy. While rich and Europeans were up to their eyes in the secret of perpetual motion. A few years later, with energy still under the desk.

Japan's foreign trade policy has avoided being discussed as a reference issue.

There has since been a change in government in Tokyo and the new administration is now out to reacquaint the world with its foreign policy.

It is no coincidence that the member of the new Japanese Cabinet who is Foreign Minister is a high-grade economic expert. It is not just a matter of retraining in trade policies; stopovers in London, Paris, Bonn and Rome are part of the new Japanese foreign policy.

So Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone, and his could help to use some of the brief on his first visit to the States.

Preparations have run perfectly for the tour the news was leaked that the Japanese Cabinet was planning to visit Europe in the next few days.

Tokyo announced in December that it would reduce its 40 per cent tariff on 40 agricultural products and 28 industrial products to be reduced.

Imports of oranges and beef, Washington's constant grouses in this connection, were quietly overlooked.

One was that for a number of years import tariffs are less the problem.

Another was that legal safeguards of the small shopkeeper and other tend to have the same effect. The fact only those who know from experience will know.

After the Japanese visit Brussels made a note that 24 January is the firm Japan deadline, the day on which the Commission is to brief the Council of Ministers on the next steps in the negotiations.

In December the Council of Ministers decided to speed up a GATT 24 complaint against Japan for its refusal to open its market to imports.

The EEC Commission has been instructed to call on Japan to accept "effective and clearly defined restraints" in exports to the Community.

Shamefaced care is taken to using the term self-restraint.

Since 1981 a statistical check has been maintained on imports of cars and cathode ray tubes and on electronically controlled machine tools.

This check has been extended to include delivery vans and video recorders. anti-dumping proceedings have been launched against Japanese manufacturers using the video 2000 system.

Ranks are thus being served by experience is any guide the Japanese negotiators will again bow so that they succeed in gaining entry to EEC markets despite a drastic import threshold.

Gerd Janz

(Handelsblatt, 4 January 1983)

Munich bureau helps inventors and companies to get together

The more he can contribute toward commercial utilisation of his idea, the less expensive it will be for the company that buys the rights to merchandise them.

Inventors stand the best chance when they concentrate on sectors where there is a brisk demand for new ideas, such as foodstuffs and fodder, leisure activities, hobbies, do-it-yourself and entertainment electronics.

Promising sectors of technology are currently felt to include the therapeutic side of medical technology, laser measurement techniques and electronic picture evaluation.

Herr von Engel and his team readily own up to the ones that got away. None of them ever imagined Rubik's cube would be such a hit.

If it had been submitted to them for consideration they would have backed it, but views would be sure to have differed on whether it would come up in the eube's case there was no doubt from the start that a major prerequisite would be met; manufacturers were keen to produce it.

In many instances companies may show interest in a new idea but prefer not to invest in it as a licensee because it happens not to fit into their product line.

The Munich unit is not always as lucky as it was a year ago in finding a customer for a new idea in semiconductor technology. In the quest for licensees it hit on a French firm that was on the point of

converting production to a similar component of its own.

The French soon realised that the new idea from Germany was better than their own, so they snapped it up. Demand is so heavy that turnover is sure to be in the millions for years to come.

The inventor can be sure of earning substantial profits. Had he come up with his idea a year later the French company would have turned it down.

In some cases Herr von Engel and his associates don't need to look for industrial customers; they call him in Munich.

There can be no doubt that inventors have a seller's market when the economy is down in the dumps, and right now inventors have never had it so good.

Companies that consult the organisation come in two rough categories. The first shows regular interest in what inventors come up with in their field; the second only comes knocking when sales plummet and they are deep in the red.

Where the second group are concerned it's very much knock on wood. Yet over the past two years two companies have been lucky enough to come along at a time when suitable innovations were on file waiting for an industrial customer.

They snapped them up and started manufacturing the new idea. Both companies were up against it and are now back in the pink.

The Munich unit doesn't provide its services free of charge. If they result in terms being agreed and profits made

the inventor must be refunded and a fee is charged that can amount to up to 20 per cent of the inventor's net earnings.

"We earn the 20 per cent by negotiating licence terms alone," says Herr von Engel. It's a fair claim. He and his staff have the know-how.

About 100 times a year they negotiate with the well-versed licensee and patent departments of industrial companies, and they have more staying power than an individual inventor.

With the Fraunhofer Association behind them they have both the know-how and the financial clout. So a potential customer insists on patent rights being applied for in the United States and Japan? Sure thing, no problem.

On his own the inventor might be tempted to settle for unfavourable terms. In the final analysis it is not really in the manufacturer's interest to risk the inventor.

Companies wouldn't do business with inventors if it weren't profitable, and inventors are best motivated by the hope of capitalising on their ideas.

The Munich unit lends financial backing to many more new ideas than ever earn money, yet for every deus-ex-machina it invests in risk capital successful inventors earn three marks in licence fees.

So the organisation meets part of its expenses from revenue. In 1982 the revenue met DM300,000 of expenditure totaling DM1.5m.

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Franz Frisch

(Die Zeit, 7 January 1983)

More risks need to be run

This is where the problem lies. For a start, only large firms are usually in a position to get a look-in at Bonn government R & D allocations.

They run entire departments capable of handling the kilograms of paperwork. A small firm, no matter how bright its ideas may be, will tend to lose its way in the undergrowth of bureaucracy.

If it lasts the distance (and it's a big "if"), it will only get a government grant after long and nerve-racking skirmishes with the machinery of red tape.

Small wonder that companies which have been through this excruciating experience prefer to call it a day! The result is that many a promising development never gets off the ground for lack of capital.

Often enough, other sources of capital fail to deliver the goods. The banks have been generous to a fault in their international commitments lately, but they tend to be miserly when it comes to funding relatively small loans to help a bright idea to make a breakthrough.

If there is no collateral available, banks tend to go through the motions and decide against the risk.

Yet smaller companies are often in a better position to put new ideas to good use than large firms with their cumbersome decision-making processes.

This cash is invested in a wide range of ideas.

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■ ENVIRONMENT

Rhine pollution is under control, chemist says

Mountains of detergent foam at rocks and on the banks of the Rhine are a thing of the past, industrial chemists claim.

Gone are the days of detergent foam scandals, says the Chemical Industry Association in a brochure entitled "Chemicals and the Environment."

The days of this particularly upsetting form of pollution are said to have been numbered by the change-over in detergents that were over 80-per-cent biodegradable.

It can thus be dealt with, for the most part, by biological sewage treatment.

Success in water purification seems to be widespread. Dr. Karl-Geert Malle of BASF, the Ludwigshafen chemicals company, says there is no longer any serious reason for not swimming in the Rhine.

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of new ideas, and not just on the off-chance that one might prove a winner, as at the gaming table.

All ideas are carefully vetted, if not by the yardsticks normally used in Germany. Similar risk capital investments are made by the pension funds of major companies, which are part-managed by the trade unions.

This calls for an investment outlook entirely different from the attitude that prevails in Germany.

There is no lack of capital in Germany that might be invested in risk ventures, but Americans are prepared up to a point to run a risk, knowing that it might be a real money-spinner.

Germans are not. They have an overwhelming desire for security and tend to invest their savings in fixed-interest bonds and property.

Neither are designed to promote technological innovation and development, which is why critics feel it is high time we set up entirely new fund-raising channels.

They must steer a wide berth of the banks and aim at sectors where promising projects have to be called off for lack of relatively modest sums of money.

But the German investor's outlook is unlikely to encourage ideas of this kind.

Helmut Maier-Mannhart
(Süddeutsche Zeitung, 5 January 1983)

In comparison with other rivers of its kind, he said at a Ludwigshafen press conference, the Rhine and its water were extremely clean.

This view is largely substantiated by the bactericidal count in the river water, which is low.

A further argument is supplied by the basic outlook scientists have on the problem of vestigial risk, an outlook he described as level-headed.

He put it at two per cent, which was a marginal risk that must be tolerated. He also concluded that Rhine pollution research was more scientific than a health safeguard.

Can the same inference be drawn for the entire issue of water purification and hydrological research?

The past, if it is any guide, shows according to the chemical industry's brochure that the quality of Rhine water has by and large improved since 1975.

The lower reaches of the Main are still a problem despite strenuous efforts by local authorities and industrial users. But purification measures by chemicals companies in the area will not be completed until the year after next.

Sewage and effluent treatment in this densely-populated area is particularly difficult because suitable locations for sewage plants are hard to find.

But the end is in sight. Over 70 per cent of local authority sewage is given full biological treatment. Technical

problems are, however, nearer solution than scientific ones.

The classical problems such as oxygen count and salinisation can be largely handled. The Rhine's oxygen count is well over the danger level.

Humic substances, which are the principal vestigial pollutants, are likewise felt to be less of a problem. Physiologically, or so scientists say, they are not unduly alarming because they exist everywhere in nature.

It is another matter where individual compounds are concerned. Their structure in the river water has yet to be clarified.

Water may be a fairly uncomplicated medium, but trace analysis of individual compounds in a complicated mixture of substances has only lately been possible.

Dr Malle said many mistakes might still be made in chemical analysis in this context.

Well-known substances such as DDT and halogenated hydrocarbons still have to be characterised and identified in such circumstances.

He said the potential danger of individual compounds was fairly low and he assumed that new highly-active substances were unlikely to be discovered.

But the margin of analytical error and so-called vestigial risks remain a moot point.

There can be no doubt that this scientific problem assumes the proportion of a health issue in water treatment.

Individual compounds must be identified that are of genuine ecological, toxicological and technological importance so they can be systematically treated.

Astrid Forberger
(Frankfurter Rundschau, 6 January 1983)

Levy plan to fight acid rain

Hesse plans a sulphur levy to fight the tree death epidemic. A Bill is to be tabled in the Bundestag in the New Year and to come into force in 1985.

The levy will amount to DM2,000 per tonne of sulphur dioxide released into the atmosphere over a specified level by coal-fired power stations.

Sulphur dioxide from coal-fired power stations is felt to be a major factor in acid rainfall, the tree killer culprit, although, by no means the only one.

The levy is intended to oblige coal-fired power stations with a capacity of over 50 megawatts to be equipped with the latest filtration devices.

There is no intention of forcing coal-

fired power stations to shut down, but offenders may be required to cut back their production.

The aim is to arrive at a gradual conversion to the latest filtration techniques at outmoded coal-fired power stations.

The Bill expressly forbids power companies from passing on the higher production costs caused by the sulphur levy straight to the consumer via higher electricity prices.

Hesse feels its Bill is better suited to dealing with the acid rainfall menace than the Bonn government's new atmospheric pollution regulations, which are unlikely to have any tangible effect until the 1990s.

(Die Welt, 29 December 1982)

North Sea in good shape

Autumn and winter storms feared by people who live on the North Sea coast but they are what stopped the North Sea from becoming a dead sea, scientists say.

They pump oxygen into the water strata where sulphurated gas, a substance hostile to life, accumulates.

This claim is made in the 1983 edition of the German Hydrographical Yearbook, Hamburg, which has just been published.

Areas even more seriously affected than the North Sea include the Kiel and Lübeck, the Fehmarn and the Bornholm trough in the Baltic.

In these areas the count of phosphates, nitrates, ammonium and other harmful substances in the water have increased, while the oxygen content has further declined.

An extremely high nutrient content reported from the coastal waters of the German Bight, where the Elbe and Weser send 35 tonnes of phosphorus and 280 tonnes of nitrogen a day into the sea.

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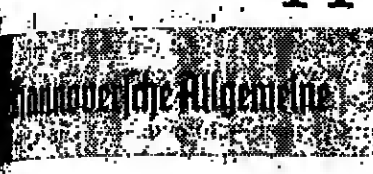
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Klaus M...
(Die Welt, 23 December 1982)

THE ARTS

Dressage is the message at Wuppertal ballet



Eight thousand pink paper carnations lined the stage at the premiere of Pina Bausch's latest ballet, to mark the 10th anniversary of Wuppertal company.

The paper flowers from Bangkok are not in the best of taste, as most would now agree, but they were in keeping with the

dealt with first love, and the flowers were a cynical play on the old and background against which the dancers were told.

Members of the company told the audience of their own first loves, or prattled on about an experience undergone at the Weser send 35 tonnes of phosphorus and 280 tonnes of nitrogen a day into the sea.

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(Die Welt, 23 December 1982)

Clarinet clash

Herbert von Karajan is at odds with the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra over who is to be appointed first solo clarinet alongside Karl Leibler.

Karajan favours Sabine Meyer, 23, who is currently with the Bayerischer Rundfunk Symphony Orchestra in Munich.

He was most impressed when long blonde-haired Sabine was in Berlin for trials and would like to hire her immediately on a year's probation, which is the normal procedure.

But the Berlin orchestra, which has a contractual right to be consulted on the choice of new members, is against her: on strictly musical grounds, of course.

Cellist Rudolf Weinsheimer debiles on the orchestra's behalf allegations that the Berlin Philharmonic has always been against the fair sex.

This is a longstanding accusation. Not until the orchestra's centenary year, in June 1982, was a woman appointed. She is Madeleine Carruzzo, a Swiss violinist aged 26 who is reported to be doing well during her probationary period.

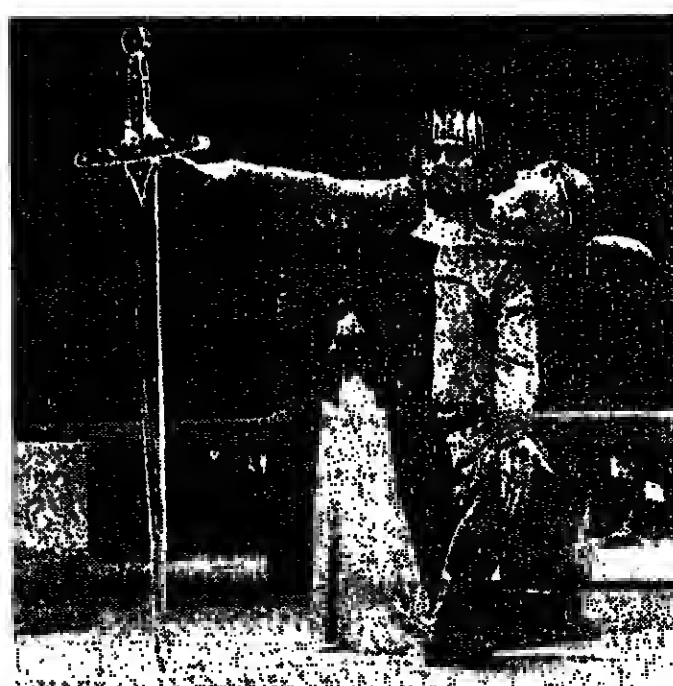
Sabine Meyer need not abandon hope: Attempts to mediate between Karajan, the orchestra, general manager Peter Girth and West Berlin's science and arts senator Wilhelm Kewenig have failed.

But applicants for the job are to play again in January, and only then will the final decision be taken.

(Hamburger Abendblatt, 31 December 1982)

The audience's reaction was extremely favourable, but the bravos were doubtless due to Frau Bausch having grown more optimistic in outlook of late. You feel in high good humour and would dearly like to do what the dancers are doing, embracing each other. Yet a bitter taste remains. In the final scene Pina Bausch plays Piggy in the Middle with the other members of the company, and one senses loneliness in the group. No more.

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Françoise Klaua as Arthur and Colleen Scott as Guinevere
(Photo: Peter Poltsch)

Neumeier feels the call of the Grail in Hamburg

Never has a poet fully succeeded in dealing with the story of King Arthur, no matter how often the attempt may have been undertaken.

There are too many tales and they are too different and too well-told, like highly-polished jewels, to fit into a single poetic treatment.

John Neumeier, chief choreographer of the Hamburg Staatsoper ballet, has now embarked on his own quest for the Knights of the Round Table and the Holy Grail.

As was only to be expected, he lost his way in the undergrowth of imagery and at times forgot his target.

In literature detours may be permitted. In ballet they can be misleading, which will partly have accounted for the cancellations when the curtain fell.

Initially is looked as though the pages of a chronicle were being turned over. A girl sits knitting, is swathed in a black cloth in which the devil materialises, and gives birth to Merlin.

People unfamiliar with the tale of King Arthur will already be in difficulty, and in the second prologue section matters are made easier only by the written explanation on the curtain.

The genealogy of the Celtic king and his kin is shown against a mediaeval musical background, but the illegitimate births of Arthur, Mordred and Galahad are details that could easily have been omitted.

The who's who comes to light naturally from the further course of events.

The visions in which Arthur presages encounters or events he is about to experience are likewise superfluous, in part because they are confusing.

It is difficult in body language to draw a clear distinction between these different levels of narrative.

The ballet then comes into its own to the music of Sibelius' romantic First Symphony. Amidst the chaos of warring tribes Arthur discovers Excalibur and becomes king.

Accompanied by Merlin, the magician with the gift of prophecy, he sets up the Round Table, whose knightly members pledge themselves to help the weak and those who seek assistance, especially women.

But this happiness is short-lived. The ideal life is upset by Arthur's relationship with his half-sister Morgan, a fairy,

who gives birth to Mordred, who is later to murder his father.

Lancelot appears from the lake. Arthur and his queen, Guinevere, are captivated by him. Their three-cornered relationship seems perfect harmony.

But the first rifts soon appear. Lancelot leaves Arthur's court and meets Elaine, who is cast by Neumeier as the keeper of the Grail.

Their son is Galahad, the perfect knight and the man who is to find the Holy Grail in later life.

The Round Table is disbanded, the knights having felt the call of the Grail. But this is not always clear from the course of the ballet.

Motives are certainly unclear, and Neumeier's advice to enjoy rather than to try and understand is easier said than done.

Even so, the dancing is marvellous. In a Tristan and Isolde minitold between the first and second parts Ronald Dardot and Chantal Lafèvre star.

They lack the more experienced main parts' power of dramatic expression but have the advantage of being able to perform a complete section of ballet.

Hans Werner Henze's dramatic Tristan music appeals more directly to present-day listeners than Sibelius.

Tristan and Isolde in their way reflect the fate that befalls the love of Arthur and Guinevere; a fate we are shown in the second part of the ballet.

Lancelot has gone mad because his love of Guinevere has destroyed the old order of the Arthurian world and prevented him from seeing the Grail.

Mordred discovers the lovers. Arthur seeks refuge in war from the ruins of his life, kills his son Mordred and is fatally injured by him.

Three women take him to the island of Avalon, from where he will return to his people in their darkest hour.

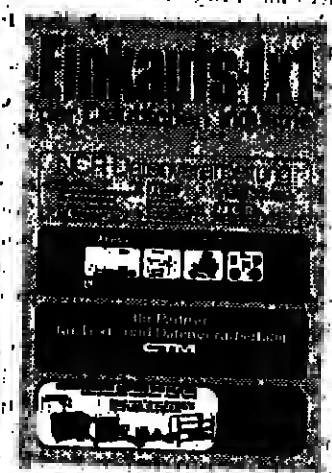
The travails of love and war are accompanied by the ups and downs, the flowing to and fro of the sea and the women members of the company, dressed in blue.

The forms and shapes they take are so harmonious and immediately comprehensible that they are among the most memorable parts of a ballet that relies too heavily on its source material.

Evelyn Preuss

(Allgemeine Zeitung Mainz, 22 December 1982)

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■ MODERN LIVING

Holidays for the disabled must not be taboo

An organisation for the disabled that has just published an international travel guide for the handicapped is critical of facilities in Germany.

Package tours for the disabled are no longer taboo in the tourist trade, but tour organisers and travel agents don't go out of their way to help.

Were it not for clubs and associations for the disabled occasionally pointing out the problems of, say, the wheelchair-bound they would long have been forgotten.

The travel trade is willing to help in individual instances but in the glossy brochures listing tours for children, old folk, singles and what have you the disabled never get a mention.

Holiday resorts are reluctant to awn up to providing facilities for the disabled. They are usually worried, although few would admit it, that ordinary people might be put off.

Those who concern themselves with travel for the disabled can feel a sense of resignation. There is next to no information and still less understanding.

It is not that there is no goodwill, but people who might be prepared to help don't even know how wide a wheelchair is nor have an idea of the practical problems.

Organisations that lead a helping hand aim to integrate the disabled in the ordinary holiday world, but they are going to have their work cut out.

Take air or rail travel. Airport facilities are often praised but the Bundesbahn, the German Federal Railways, comes in for criticism.

There have been endless suggestions and declarations of intent, but the fact remains that Bundesbahn trains are ill-suited for the needs of wheelchair users.

In the travel trade a number of organisers cater for the disabled. The exception not the rule, they are Tauristik Union International, the DER agency in Karlsruhe, Jahn-Reisen in Munich and a handful of small fry.

The Melnz organisation that publishes the travel guide for the disabled would like to see the disabled looked on as just another category of holiday-makers.

One of its demands is for travel brochures to include the wheelchair symbol to indicate accommodation and travel facilities suitable for use by the disabled.

ADAC, the Munich-based motoring club, which runs a travel agency, sets a good example in this respect.

There is a heavy demand for hire cars equipped for use by the disabled, but they are only available in Israel and the United States, the guide says.

Yet last year alone Lufthansa far one had 5,000 wheelchair passengers.

The international travel guide for the disabled lists over 2,000 addresses in

80-odd countries. The handicapped are as keen as anyone to see the world.

A travel agency in Switzerland has just run its third package tour to China including facilities for the disabled.

Much-travelled wheelchair users report that in the Far East they are often more readily accepted as ordinary people than nearer home.

In Germany a hotel has just been opened in Berlin that is claimed to be the first in Europe to provide suitable facilities for the disabled.

It was built by an association for the war-wounded, has 150 beds and is accessible to wheelchair users from the multi-storey car park to the swimming pool, the medicinal baths and the hotel bar.

But how do "ordinary" holidaymakers feel about the disabled? It is only a couple of years since a Frankfurt court awarded a holidaymaker damages for having had to spend her holidays alongside the mentally handicapped.

Fine words notwithstanding, there is definitely a reluctance on the part of the tourist trade to provide facilities for the disabled as a matter of course.

Holiday organisers are worried that holidaymakers might be put off and decide to go somewhere else instead.

The Mainz organisation says the disabled themselves are stating their case more often and more emphatically than they used to, writing to tourist departments and travel agents to find out what they have to offer.

Breaking down this barrier will probably prove more difficult than providing the technical facilities to make travel less difficult for the disabled.

But it is high time a start was made.

Hans Bensmann
(Rheinische Post, 24 December 1982)

Hotel for the handicapped in Berlin

great care to make the special facilities for the disabled match the hotel's interior decorating and ensure that it didn't give the place an institutional look.

The Mondial has 75 rooms and beds for 150. Only a third are fully equipped to cater for the disabled; the hotel is not intended to cater solely for them.

The decorating is elegant and modern and the 24 specially equipped rooms are half as large again as conventional hotel bedrooms to ensure the wheelchair-bound a full turning circle.

The disabled guest can wheel himself into position with his knees under the desk. The room door can be opened by pressing a bedside button.

The clothing cupboards have an au-



Bathroom at the Hotel Mondial.

(Photo: dpa)

tomatite device to lower the hangers to where the disabled can get at their clothes. They can thus hang their clothes up without difficulty.

The bathrooms all have sliding doors and steps and handles. To take a shower you can either order a shower wheelchair or use a folding seat incorporated in the shower compartment.

The washbasins have enough room underneath for wheelchair users to wheel themselves into a position where they can reach taps and basin.

They can also be lowered into a more suitable position as required. Pushbutton pressure is all that is needed; it is done hydraulically.

And all these extras are incorporated as unobtrusively as possible. Everything possible has been done to avoid an institutional look.

An ordinary person should have no difficulty in using a room for the disabled, while someone slightly disabled should be able to use an ordinary room because it too contains a number of helpful facilities.

There are rooms for the hard of hearing too. They have extra-loud loudspeakers.

The five-storey, 150-bed Kurfürstendamm hotel cost DM75m. The city footed DM7m of the bill, the state lottery DM9.6m.

Running costs will be met by the Reichsbund, which plans to run the hotel at cost as a normal commercial venture.

In off-season periods the organisation can offer cut-price Berlin tours to its 800,000 members. It also offers the disabled inclusive tours with medicinal baths for when their relatives go on holiday.

Renate Marbach

(Kieker Nachrichten, 24 December 1982)

Sculpture for the blind in Würzburg

Johannes' hands gently explored the face of the Apollo statue, his furrowed brow concentrating as he every feature.

Comments Johannes: "The statue is slightly protruding; with Greek gods, this is a sure sign of a radiant face. The edges of the mouth are upturned into an obvious smile."

"The curls on the head are cascading to the shoulders. Clearly, the sculpture shows a young man, say around 500 BC."

Johannes, 16, is blind. He attended a vocational school and went to a telephone operator.

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Johannes often comes with his father who is also blind and even more of a connoisseur.

Feeling a bust of Homer, Peter, a running commentary: "The nose is closed, which means that the subject wanted to convey that Homer was blind."

An elderly woman, not blind, is next to Peter elaborates: "The nose is closed, which means that the subject wanted to convey that Homer was blind."

The idea of having such a museum was born five years ago when a local artist, Raimund Wünsche, guided people through Munich's Glyptothek, Germany's largest collection of sculptures.

He was stunned by the enormous interest shown by these people, but realised that the interest was not in the form of visual art but in the form of experiencing.

These classical sculptures are then with an idea of the image of an image that still applies and some of man's significance in the world.

The blind are also capable of experiencing the aesthetic pleasure imparted by perfect beauty.

But Wünsche's guided tours in the Glyptothek also showed him the shortcomings lay.

Many sculptures stand on pedestals and are beyond the reach of the blind. Others may not be seen for fear of veering away the sculpture proved unsatisfactory because they did not enable the individual to stand directly in front of the sculpture and because a blind person needs a lot of time to absorb an impression because many points have to be touched.

Comments Wünsche: "The blind person absorbs the sculpture by the last minute and continually reworks and changes it; she has clearly not yet found the ideal solution here."

The consistently experimental state of the work is not a pity; it is an important feature of it. It is as imperfect and seemingly meaningless as life itself. But Pina Bausch makes a stage out of life.

Eva-Elisabeth Fischer

(Hannoversche Allgemeine, 3 January 1983)

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Turkish girl in Cologne shows what it's like

Süddeutsche Zeitung

Sema, a teenage Turkish girl, and German teenagers, bath boys and girls, sit in the Café Le Gandola chatting, giggling and generally having fun. Then, suddenly, Sema feels threatened. The man sitting at the table next to her is a Turk, and she knows that he will tell her father that he had seen her in the café.

He will say she was behaving in a manner unworthy of a decent Turkish girl. A Turkish girl has no business being seen in public with boys.

This is the first scene of a play entitled *Nein! Hayiri!* a group of Cologne teenagers have been rehearsing for the past couple of weeks.

There are eight or nine Turks and an equal number of Germans in the cast, all amateurs, under the guidance of a few professionals.

They first improvised the play before putting it on paper.

The play deals with the classical conflict of a Turkish girl in a major German city. Sema's German is like that of a German schoolfriend. She dresses, she acts and she thinks the way they do.

But her parents and her older brother disapprove and go out of their way to protect her honour, as they see it.

The idea of the project, subsidised by the Bonn Education Ministry, dates back several years. From 1977 to 1980 Cologne's Free Workshop Theatre taught the city's secondary school students acting and drama.

In the course of this work (which was continued for lack of money) the company was constantly made aware of the problems of Turkish girls.

Dressage

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desire to be heard in the microphone. The Wuppertal Ballet is 10 years old.

What may appear conciliatory has lost none of its aggression.

Pina Bausch's obsession with investigating education and society to find the truth in the feelings of the individual has by no means been exhausted.

But after every new work of hers one can't help wondering what the next one will be like. The patterns are always the same.

There are children's games, biographical details supplied by the dancers, an abundance of wonderful images, marvellous mime, outbreaks and superb, often superbly comical rrog dancing.

It is all twofold in meaning because the latent threat is always there and wounds are laid bare.

Not everything is equally successful. The second half of *Premiere* loses momentum because many points have been made to excess.

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(Hannoversche Allgemeine, 3 January 1983)

difficulties between Germans and Turks in general and the problems of Turkish girls in particular.

It was then that the idea of bringing young Turks and Germans together in amateur theatricals was born. It was meant as a modest contribution towards defusing the aliens problem.

The professionals soon realised that what is generally dubbed an aliens problem is in fact a German problem.

The first step was to establish a weekly theatre workshop in areas particularly heavily populated by Turks (Cologne has a Turkish population of 80,000).

Young people, both Germans and Turks, gradually started attending with increasing regularity.

While the Turks came from working class parts of the city, the Germans all came from the up-market Montessori *Gymnasium*, or high school, and lived in affluent residential areas.

These German youngsters were open-minded and regarded xenophobia as just plain stupid.

Even so, there were problems. Peter Fischer, the director, found that there were times when the usual prejudices that govern German-Turkish relations were actually reversed.

He discovered that it was the Germans rather than the Turks who were unreliable and tended to show up late for rehearsals while the Turks showed what can only be termed iron Prussian discipline.

Some of this might be due to the fact that the play eventually became a Turkish story.

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But her personal experiences are almost identical with those of the character she plays.

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Sema Mery (right) in a scene from her Cologne play

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Sculpture

seum practice is that recording the taped information for private use is not only permitted but in fact encouraged.

Where sculptures of nudes are concerned, the visitors are encouraged to imitate the pose with their own bodies. This helps them understand the deeper meaning of a given pose.

Apollo of Tenea, for instance, stands there with all his muscles taut, the hands clenched into fists and the legs kept close together.

Not so the neighbouring statue depicting a boy by Polykleitos. The boy's pose is that of playfulness, the weight resting on the slightly advanced left leg. One arm is lifted casually and the head inclined pensively.

The spontaneity and gaiety of this ancient statuary is as irresistible today as it was 2,500 years ago.

The objects on display are naturally replicas of originals to be found in major European museums in Athens,

that while an aunt had no comment to make at first.

When she asked her aunt to say something as that anything that was misrepresented to the scene could be corrected, the aunt answered:

"There is nothing to correct; everything is as you showed it. But this must not be shown because by showing it you betray your own people."

The conflicts Sema had to cope with in real life were every bit as serious as those in the play.

Says she: "It isn't as if I did not understand my father; it's simply that it is almost impossible to convey what makes Turkish parents tick."

Sema Mery made a point of escaping the conditions that are taken as part and parcel of a Turkish girl's life. The Sema of the play ultimately does the same.

The clash comes when her father thinks that the only way of saving his daughter is to marry her off to another Turk as soon as possible.

The right man is found, and when Sema's mother wants to formalise the engagement the girl digs in her heels and says *Nein!*, adding the Turkish equivalent *Hayiri!* for good measure.

Sema Mery opted out of her Turkish environment by taking on German citizenship.

Gerd Kröncke

(Süddeutsche Zeitung, 4 January 1983)

Rome, Naples, Copenhagen, Berlin, Munich, etc.

It took a great deal of imagination to assemble sculptures that are particularly suited to convey their essence to the sensitive fingers of the blind.

Plaster of Paris replicas were found to be too light and incapable of conveying the unyielding hardness of marble.

Plastic replicas are durable, easy to transport and pleasant to look at; but their consistency when "seen" with the hands is off-putting.

One blind visitor described their effect as similar to the noise made by chalk on a blackboard.

All this prompted Raimund Wünsche to opt for replicas made from crushed marble, using chemical resin as a binding agent.

This provides a surface similar to antique marble sculptures. As for bronze sculptures, the problem doesn't arise. The replicas are cast in bronze.

Anneliese Steinhoff

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■ CRIME

High drama at sea as hired hand kills yacht's skipper and girlfriend

Paul Termann was given a life sentence in Bremen on two counts of murder, Doris Permin, his girlfriend, was sentenced to three years' imprisonment as his accomplice. This is the tale of a most unusual murder trial told just before the sentences were passed.

Everything seemed to be meshing just perfectly. Herbert Klein, 35, a retired freight forwarder from Krefeld, owned the handsome yawl *Apollonia*.

He lacked a crew and knew little about sailing, but engine driver Paul Termann, 42, also retired, was an old salt and had no boat.

Both were stranded in Pasito Blanco, on Gran Canaria, and both had their girlfriends with them: Gabi Humpert, 24, and Doris Permin, 36.

Since they found themselves in the same predicament, they became friends. Termann and his girlfriend Doris moved aboard *Apollonia* while other Klein went to Konstanz where he found paying guests to accompany them on the planned voyage to the West Indies.

They were 25-year-old Michael Wunsch, who had just graduated in business studies and wanted to take it easy for a while before embarking on a career, and his friend Dieter Giesen, 30, an innkeeper who wanted to see a bit of the world.

The crew was thus complete and the easy life in the West Indies within grasp.

But only a few days after casting off, the initial euphoria blew over, turning into enmity and, ultimately, deadly hatred.

Since 2 November 1982 Paul Termann has been on trial in Bremen. He is charged with murder attempted murder. Doris Permin has been charged as an accessory to murder. The sentences are due soon.

The drama that unfolded in the court is unique in Germany's legal history inasmuch as it arose from an overestimation of one man's capabilities in a situation that could not have arisen ashore.

Trifling incidents led to aggressiveness; rage to criminal action.

One expert testifying in court said that "conditions at sea could easily change personality traits or reveal a person's true character."

Herbert Klein was a happy-go-lucky person though all he still possessed was his *Apollonia*.

He bought the yawl (formerly the *Wappen von Bremen*) in summer 1981 for DM180,000, spending another DM100,000 to have her refitted for a charter business in the West Indies.

He intended to run the business with girlfriend Gabi, once his divorce from wife Birgit came through.

But if old seaman's lore is anything to go by, trouble started when he renamed the yacht *Apollonia*, for a change of a ship's name spells disaster.

In any event, a Munich charter agency refused him a contract, insisting that the yacht be taken to the West Indies first.

The voyage itself would have been no problem for the *Apollonia*, a 16.54-metre vessel spreading 120 square metres of sail and a veteran of 12 Atlantic

crossings, covering a total of more than 250,000 nautical miles.

Klein was understandably proud of his ship and insisted on being the captain, assigning to Termann the job of navigator only.

Termann, a former Bundeswehr NCO described in his personnel file as "a bit of a show-off," on the other hand refused to take orders from somebody who "didn't know a bowline from a rolling hitch."

A psychologist who was asked to evaluate Termann's personality testified in court, describing him as a "neurotic schoolmaster type."

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Whenever he felt like it, he got the skipper out of his bunk to dress him down for his ineptitude with knots — in front of everybody.

Granted, a wrongly tied knot could spell disaster at sea; but there was no danger in the office in this case.

The psychologist concluded from this that Termann had a pathological obsession with safety.

But knots were not the only thing Termann found miles with his skipper. He blamed him for having been at sea for some time after leaving the Canaries without a single man-overboard drill and without having instructed his crew in the use of the very pistol for distress flares, not to mention that nobody knew how to inflate the life raft in an emergency.

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He was taken to hospital and released 24 hours later, when he put his experience with hashish on paper.

He wrote: "Everything in me was compressed; I was depersonalised to the point where I actually stepped out of myself." A few days later, he shot himself in his bedroom.

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This was enough to prompt the Justice Ministry to seek an out-of-court arrangement and offer the widow a settlement.

Josef Schmidt (Kölnischer Stadt-Anzeiger, 22 December 1982)

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Nightfall that day found Termann still poring over the chart table. It was at that point that Klein took a pump handle and dealt Termann four blows on the head.

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Klein, still confused, did as he told. Termann shot him and Klein overboard. The body of his girlfriend was also thrown overboard and all traces of the preceding shuffling were moved. Termann was as pedantic as ever.

Before the drama aboard the *Apollonia*, Termann had been increasingly decried by Gabi Humpert, Giesen Wunsch, making him only the most secure.

The only one to look up to him was his girlfriend Doris. They have nothing in common, their love of Diamond and Elvis Presley.

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OUR WORLD

Sales rep takes six months' paid leave to look after disabled person

Rank Xerox staff in Germany are encouraged to take time off work to look after others, for up to six months full pay.

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months leave on full pay if they wish to devote themselves to social work of one kind or another.

Says Willi Böcker of the company's Düsseldorf head office: "We are aware of our social obligations, especially towards groups on the periphery of our affluent way of life, and we try to discharge this obligation."

"This goes far beyond lip service and mellifluous verbiage."

"Like most other companies, we could shirk taking an active hand in social work by making out an annual cheque to some charitable organisation. But that would have been the easy way out."

"Instead, we prefer to give our staff time off in which they can actively help others. Naturally, this causes staff bottlenecks, but we try to get along as best we can."

Those who want to accept the company's offer need not worry that it will be held against them. On the contrary, The management keeps urging the staff to accept the offer.

In a recent memo circulated among the staff, Willi Böcker wrote: "Especially in today's economic uncertainty, people are more dependent on outside help than ever before."

"As the number of jobless rises, so does the number of those who depend on the help and sympathy of people

who have a job and financial security."

After a few words about the fact that jobs at Rank Xerox are safe, the memo goes on: "It would therefore be delightful if at least some of our staff were prepared to offer their help where it is needed most."

Sylvia Schmirgel-Preuss was among those who accepted the offer, though it was not a spontaneous decision made from one minute to the next.

Says she: "I wanted more than to just pay for the keep of some Third World child. What I wanted was to become personally involved, and that's how I came to look after Karl."

Just seeing Sylvia and Karl next to each other and looking at each other, you know that a deep bond has been forged that goes far beyond a six-month stint of social work.

"Had I opted to work in some institution for the disabled, I would at best have been offered the job of a kitchen helper," says she.

Once she had decided to help an individual rather than work for an institution, a Church organisation in Berlin (Incidentally, one of Sylvia's customers) put her in touch with Rev. Buss and Karl Klene.

Far from committing herself on the spot, Sylvia decided to first pay a visit to the minister and his charge in Kassel. But it took her only a few minutes to decide that she had found what she was looking for.

She freely admits, however, that she was a bit frightened of the task she had taken upon herself, especially once it came to the crunch and she had to pack her bags in Berlin.

Rev. Buss, who is deeply involved in a drive to place the severely disabled with families rather than have them institutionalised, was delighted to get Sylvia, whom he regards as a windfall.

Says he: "Non-professionals see a lot more than professional social workers — quite apart from their deep personal commitment."

Asked about what Sylvia really does for Karl when it comes down to brass tacks, Rev. Buss first told me what she does not do: "She doesn't do actual nursing. That's done by Jochen, our conscientious objector."

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with fear." And right he was to be frightened.

Termann told the two passengers to tell the Barbados police that Klein and Gabi went overboard in a raging storm. He said that if they did not do as they were told he would find them any time and, besides, "I can get a hired gun in France for a hundred marks."

The Barbados police were told the accident story; and though they did not believe it, they had no proof to the contrary.

Peter Lehmann, the German consul in Bridgetown, Barbados, and an avid yachtsman himself, inspected the yacht's logbook and found that four pages had been doctored and that the weather conditions noted in the logbook were false.

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Sylvia Schmirgel-Preuss

(Photo: private)

But what Sylvia does do is every bit as important: She talks with Karl, goes with him to various authorities, accompanies him on visits to friends and a nearby family where he lived before he came to Rev. Buss.

She is also there when the minister attends official discussions on his project, in which she has become deeply involved.

Asked what would happen once her six months are over and she has to return to her job, Sylvia answered with a single word: "Sadness."

But she quickly added: "The whole thing won't just be over for me. I'll stay in touch with Karl. After all, there are such things as a telephone and a car."

The Rank Xerox offer was accepted by 23 other staff members.

They now work as ambulance drivers, they accompany severely disabled children to rehabilitation centres or work on the night shift of the telephone counselling service.

But most, like Sylvia Schmirgel-Preuss, personally look after disabled individuals.

Some of them were unable to sustain it for the whole six months and threw in the towel half-way through.

When returning prematurely from their six-month Samaritan leave, they don't have to account for their action but are simply welcomed back.

But whether they throw in the towel or not, they are all changed on their return.

Says Sylvia: "I now see many things in a different light. It hasn't been easy; but I'm glad to be doing it, and I'll be sad when it ends."

Reinhard Voss (Frankfurter Rundschau, 3 January 1983)

Gabi were supposed to have been washed overboard) was only 120 miles away from the *Apollonia* said that the weather at the time was nice and the sea calm. This was later confirmed by a satellite photograph.

Wunsch (who was taken to the intensive care ward at the Barbados hospital) and Giesen (who was in police custody) were afraid to tell the true story.

It was not until they returned to Konstanz in late January 1982 that they told the story to a lawyer who informed the public prosecutor in Bremen, *Apollonia*'s home port.

An arrest warrant was issued for Termann, who had also returned home.

It was not until his final statement that Termann said he was sorry for what had happened and threw himself on the mercy of the court. "If that is possible."

Oerd Sowien (Süddeutsche Zeitung, 23 December 1982)

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